

ATHLETIC CONTESTS SPIRITED

Chickasha High School Garners Lion's
Share of Honors but Under Rules
Rush Springs Walks Away
With Cup

INTELLECTUAL PART OF MEET IS LIVELY TOO

Wits of Pupils are Pitted Against Each
Other in Various Franchises of
Study and Prizes are
Awarded

One of the most spirited track meets
ever held in Grady county closed Sat-
urday evening, after the contestants,
representing many of the schools of
the county and of the Chickasha high
school had spent a strenuous after-
noon in muscle-building sports.

Of a total of 100 points, in the sev-
eral events of the afternoon, Chick-
asha high walked off with 76 points,
Rush Springs with 30 points and Ver-
den with 16 points.

The trophy cup went to Rush
Springs. For the trophy cup, award-
ed to the school making the highest
number of points, Chickasha was not
entered. Rush Springs, standing sec-
ond in the list of schools, first in the
list with Chickasha eliminated, was
an easy winner of this prize.

Of the individuals scoring the great-
est number of points, Pool, of the
Chickasha high, captured the highest
number, while of the schools outside
Chickasha, Bailey of Rush Springs
went under the wire with the gold
medal.

Eight of the gold medals offered for
firsts went to Chickasha; of these
Pool was the winner of 5, while Goet-
ting, Harris and J. B. Hill were win-
ners of one each.

The five gold medals captured by
athletes of other schools went to Rush
Springs and Verden.

The boys of all the schools entered
made most creditable showings and
played to place with a class which
showed the highest finish and the
most careful attention to detail.

Arrangements are announced as be-
ing in process of formation to enter
the athletes of the Chickasha high
school in the state inter-scholastic
tournament which will be held at Nor-
man on Saturday, May 6. Coach
Reeds, of the Chickasha High, stated
this morning that some of the records
made by the Chickasha boys excelled
the records made at the 1915 inter-
scholastic meet, while many of the
records were almost if not quite equal
to those of the instate meet of last
year.

The boys of the Chickasha high
school announce that about twelve of
the "cream" will enter for a cross-
country run of 2 1/2 miles to be staged
in about three weeks. The winner of
this race will be awarded a silver tro-
phy cup by Owsley, the jeweler. This
cup will have the name of the winner
engraved upon it and then be turned
over to the school, there to remain
from year to year and the name of
each year's marshall will have his
name, in turn, carved upon the cup,
together with the time made by him
in the race and the record established
by his credit during the year. In this
season's race the winner of first place
will also be awarded a silver cup given
by Erwin Pool. The winners of sec-
ond and third places will be awarded
silver and bronze medals.

Coach Reeds, of the Chickasha high
school furnishes the following sum-
mary of Saturday's track meet:

One hundred yard dash: Pool, of
Chickasha high, 1st; Goettings, of
Chickasha high, 2nd; Howell, of Ver-
den, 3rd; Pool's time, 10 2/5 seconds.

Hammer throw: Harris, of Chick-
asha high, 1st; Griffith, of Chickasha
high, 2nd; Crittenden, of Rush
Springs high, 3rd; distance of ham-
mer toss, 118 feet, 7 inches.

High hurdles: Goettings, of Chick-
asha high, 1st; Bailey, of Rush
Springs high, 2nd; Griffith of Chick-
asha high, 3rd; time 19 1/5 seconds.

Shot put: J. B. Hill, of Chickasha
high, 1st; Simmons, of Verden, 2nd;
Blondell, of Rush Springs, 3rd; dis-
tance of put, 39 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Two hundred and twenty yard race:
Pool, of Chickasha high, 1st; Goet-
tings, of Chickasha high, 2nd; How-

ell, of Verden, 3rd; time, 25.30 sec-
onds.

Discus throw: Pool, Chickasha
high, 1st; Harris, Chickasha high, 2nd;
Bailey, Rush Springs, 3rd. Distance,
90 feet, 11 1/2 inches.

Four hundred and forty yard race:
Hansen, of Verden, 1st; Harris, Chick-
asha high, 2nd; McLelland, Chick-
asha high, 3rd; time, 61 2/5 seconds.

High jump: Bailey, of Rush
Springs, 1st; Hansen, of Verden, 2nd;
J. B. Hill, Chickasha high, 3rd; height,
5 feet, 3 inches.

Eight hundred and eighty yard run:
Caywood, of Rush Springs, 1st; Han-
ser, of Verden, 2nd; Fischer, of Chick-
asha high, 3rd; time, 2 minutes, 36 2/5
seconds.

Broad jump: Pool, Chickasha high,
1st; Goettings, Chickasha high, 2nd;
H. Hill, Chickasha high, 3rd; distance,
19 feet, 8 inches.

Low hurdles: Pool, Chickasha
high, 1st; Crittenden, Rush Springs,
2nd; Harris, Chickasha high, 3rd; time,
29 2/5 seconds.

Pole vault: Bailey, Rush Springs,
1st; J. B. Hill, Chickasha high, 2nd;
Crittenden, Rush Springs, 3rd; dis-
tance, 9 feet, 6 inches.

Five mile run: Caywood, Rush Springs,
1st; Fischer, Chickasha high, 2nd;
Thompson, Chickasha high, 3rd; time,
6 minutes, 6 2/5 seconds.

Relay race: Chickasha high school,
1st; Rush Springs high school, 2nd;
no time given.

Total points, Chickasha, 76; Rush
Springs, 30; Verden, 16.

Intellectual Contests.

The intellectual contest followed
the athletic events and was held in
the auditorium of the Chickasha high
school, a large and appreciative audi-
ence assembling to encourage the
young people.

In the primary story-telling contest
there were seven entries: Mabel Bry-
ant, of Washita Valley; Joe Under-
wood and Joy Lucy, of Union Hill;
Dorthea Snider and Iola McGill, of
Verden; Irene Shield and Mavis Glo-
cer, of Rush Springs. Dodotha Snider
told of Brer Rabbit's experiences
and captured first prize. Irene Shield
told an original tale of the adventures
of a little boy and a bear, getting sec-
ond prize. Iola McGill gave another
version of Brer Rabbit and was award-
ed third prize.

In instrumental music piano solos
were rendered by Cleo Campbell and
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WHISKERS

Jim Robinson, commissioner from
the Chickasha district, has fallen a
victim to the wiles of the barber.

Jim has always argued that he could
out-talk any kind of talking machin-
ery, human or graphophone, but,
like the pitcher that went once too
often to the well and was broken, Jim
tackled the conversation game once
too often and lost out. He tried swap-
ping conversation with a barber Sat-
urday and when the knight of the
scissors and rather pot finished with
him, he had lost by the adverse score
of 100 to 2, with his whiskers thrown
in.

The distinguished commissioner, of
the former distinguished whiskers,
steadfastly refuses to be interviewed
on the "whiskers" subject. He will
neither deny or affirm the allegation
that armed with his whiskers he so
closely resembled Carranza that he
was afraid to leave home; he will
neither affirm nor deny the rumor
that fond admirers, of both sex fac-
tions, urged upon him that he would
be better looking bereft of all his bir-
chute adornment except the Buffalo-
Bill moustache which the barber inad-
vertently overlooked; he will neither
affirm nor deny the report circulated
generally that he cut his whiskers off
because a family of trained bumble-
bees, residing on the Robinson farm,
insisted upon taking up, therein, sum-
mer quarters; he will neither deny or
affirm the libelous report which has
gained currency that when the barber
invaded and explored the recesses of
the whisker wilderness he unearthed
and brought to light Jim's favorite
whetstone which was misplaced three
years ago last July, right in the midst
of the haying season.

But, even though the gentleman
may refuse to be interviewed upon the
subject until he turns black in the
face, the fact remains that one of the
best single-handed talkers in the tou-
sorial profession, out-debated Jim and
got his whiskers.

No mattress factories making bids
for them, the amputated whiskers
were turned over to a squadron of
English sparrows and will be used by
them in upholstering the several mil-
lion nests which they are at present
erecting in and about Chickasha.

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN MEXICO

Chief of Staff Scott to Go to Eagle Pass
for Conference with War Minister
Obregon, According to
Reports

CARRANZA OUTBREAK NOW GREATEST FEAR

Redistribution of Forces Designed to Fore-
stall Border Raids; Mexican Diplo-
mat Asks for Interview with
Secretary Lansing

By United Press.

San Antonio, Tex., April 24.—Gen.
Funston declared today that the Uni-
ted States troops would remain in Mex-
ico. The greatest fear is that there
will be an outbreak of Carranzista
forces in the state of Sonora and re-
sultant border raids.

It is believed that the redistribution
of troops as now proposed contem-
plates this angle and is calculated to
thwart such attempts.

Chief of staff Scott is preparing to
leave here for Eagle Pass to hold a
conference there with Mexican War
Minister Obregon, according to reports
in military circles, which are partly
confirmed by Funston. Gen. Scott re-
fused to comment on the report.

Funston indicated that the concen-
tration and redistribution of American
troops would continue, pending the re-
sult of the meeting. Funston received
a detailed report, giving Villa's loca-
tion and stating that Villa was slight-
ly wounded.

To Discuss Withdrawal.

Washington, April 24.—Mexican Am-
bassador Arredondo requested that
he be granted an interview with Sec-
retary Lansing this afternoon.

It is assumed that the purpose of
the Mexican diplomat is to discuss
withdrawal of the U. S. troops, in view
of the plans already decided upon for
reassignment and redistribution of the
American forces.

It is understood that these move-
ments will consist largely of recalling
scattered detachments from the arid
pastureless regions toward the main
bodies.

By United Press.

Columbus, N. Mex., April 24.—Ex-
traordinary precautions are being taken
by the army medical corps at the
military base here and in the field to
insure against the appearance of the
dread typhus and typhoid fever among
American troops.

Suggestion has been made to the
soldiers that they have their hair
clipped close or their heads shaved to
avoid vermin.

Nearly one hundred recruits brought
from Columbus, Ohio, barracks, will
be inoculated with the typhoid serum
before they are sent to the interior.

Of the ten thousand men in the
field, only 225 have been invalidated be-
cause of illness or injury. For the
most part they are suffering from
some minor illness or injury such as
would result in time of peace.

Considering the hardships under-
gone by the soldiers this record is
considered unusual.

Two hospital wards have been erect-
ed at the military base here.

NEW POEM BY RILEY IS READ

Cleveland, April 24.—A new poem
by James Whitcomb Riley, written as
part of a letter to Mrs. E. L. Motts,
Lakewood, and read at a literary club
meeting was made public today. The
verse, unnamed, but filled with the
hoosier poet's homely philosophy, fol-
lows:

"No matter then how all is mixed
In our near sighted eyes,
All things is fur the best and fixed
Out straight in paradise.

"Then take things as God sends them
here,
And of we live or die
Be more and more contented
Without a askin' why."

AUTO TRUCK TRAIN OFF FOR WORK IN MEXICO



Auto truck train No. 2 about to leave Columbus, N. M., to carry supplies to the troops pursuing Villa.

SAYS WAR IS UNLIKELY

By United Press.

Dallas, Tex., April 24.—William J.
Bryan, while here enroute to Corsi-
cana and Waxahachie to fill speaking
engagements, declared that it was un-
likely that America would enter the
war in the event diplomatic relations
with Germany are severed. He as-
serted that congress would not de-
clare war.

Mr. Bryan attributed his defeat for
a place on the Nebraska delegation to
the national convention to the opposi-
tion of the wet interests.

WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY

Following contests in previous years
between the proprietors of play houses
and ministers speaking for the church
people, over the question of closing
the shows on Sundays, after many
months of truce, the management of
the Sugg and Empress theaters today
made the announcement that hereaf-
ter they will be open for business only
six days in the week, Sunday shows
being eliminated.

"After due consideration we have
reached the conclusion that six days
a week is enough for managers and
employees to work," said J. L. Olive,
manager of the two houses mentioned
above. "Beginning this week we
shall do business strictly on the six
days' basis."

MAYOR COFFMAN AFTER OFFENDERS

Mayor Coffman recently told the
members of the city council, in legis-
lative session assembled, that unless
this old town woke up to the fact that
evil doers and law's offenders must
mend their ways, there would be a
grand total of \$1,000 fines recorded
during the festive month of April. The
way his honor started this morning
looks like he has started in on the
home stretch.

At the regular session of the police
court Art Tucker came to bat and
knocked a home run which cost him
\$25. Alva Tucker was the next to tap
the plate and call for a slow ball. He
tapped a three-bagger which his hon-
or stated was cheap at \$15. Bill Hale
was the next to leave the bench. Hale
called for an inshoot, but the mayor
signalled for a drop ball and Hale
dropped \$15 to second base. With a
home run scored and two on bases,
McGriffin only got to first with a \$5
ball.

Tucker, Tucker and Hale were
charged with fighting. Hale was al-
leged to have been severely beaten in
a fight with the Tuckers. For the
reason that Hale was alleged to have
started the row he was fined jointly
with the Tuckers. Miller and A. M.
Couch were arraigned on charges of
fighting. Couch was discharged and
Miller was fined in the sum of \$10.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight, fair; colder; prob-
ably frost. Tuesday, fair and
warmer.
Local Temperatures.
During 24 hours ending 8
a. m. today:
Maximum 87; minimum, 49.

REPLY OF ENGLAND RECEIVED

By United Press.

Washington, April 24.—England's
reply to the United States note pro-
testing against her alleged illegal
blockade was received by the state
department today.

It is understood that France also
sent a note, stating that France is in
accord with England on the subject.

While the contents of the note were
not disclosed, it is understood that
England claims that her blockade is
legal.

Would Meet Jap Demand.

Washington, April 24.—It is learned
that amendments will be introduced
to the Burnett immigration bill, seek-
ing to meet the Japanese objections
thereto. None of the amendments,
however, will permit the immigration
of Japanese laborers.

RABBIT'S FOOT IN EARLY FAMILY

The great Acorn Range guessing
contest, which closed Saturday even-
ing in the display rooms of the Chick-
asha Electrical and Gas company, Mrs.
E. Early was the successful contest-
ant. Over 5,000 guesses were on file.
Through a strange coincidence the
first "lucky number" drawn gave the
stove to Mrs. Early's daughter. It de-
veloped that the young lady was un-
der 18 years, and she was declared
disqualified as a contestant. It was
then that the second "lucky number"
was brought forth and was held by
Mrs. Early. Two years ago, in a sim-
ilar contest, Mr. Early was the holder
of the prize winning number. The
number held by Miss Early was in the
fourteen hundreds, while that held by
Mrs. Early was in the twenty-five hun-
dreds.

A large crowd assembled Saturday
evening to see who would walk off
with a free range. The crowd was en-
tertained for a time with an address
by Mr. Hamilton, of the Acorn fac-
tory, with headquarters at Chicago.

Of the smaller prizes awarded, Mrs.
W. H. LaBoon was the winner of the
electric iron and ironing board, while
T. J. Driggers will now make coffee
in an electrically heated coffee per-
colator.

During Thursday, Friday and Sat-
urday a demonstration was in contin-
uous progress. This demonstration
was in charge of Misses Frost and
Barrell of the domestic science depart-
ment of the O. C. W. Coffee and bis-
cuits were served to all visitors at the
Electrical company's rooms by these
young ladies.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE.

Western Union reports re-
ceived at 8 a. m. today:
Oklahoma—Generally clear.
Average temperature 58.
Texas—Generally clear; good
rains during night; average
temperature 65; rain at Pales-
tine, Dallas, Tyler, Commerce,
Waxahachie, Waco, Corsicana,
Galveston, Beaumont, Green-
ville, San Antonio, Corpus
Christi.

M'COMBS TO RETIRE

By United Press.

Washington, April 24.—The White
House today made public a letter from
Chairman McCombs of the Democratic
national committee, announcing that
he could not be the leader of his party
in the coming campaign because of
a new law partnership which would re-
quire his time.

The president's letter replying to
that of McCombs was also given out,
expressing regret.

Democratic leaders here believe
Frederick Lynch, Democratic national
committeeman from Minnesota, will
likely succeed McCombs.

GLEE CLUB ARRIVES

The Oklahoma University Glee club
arrived this morning from El Reno,
where they gave a sacred Easter con-
cert last night. They will appear to-
night at the Christian church.

The Glee club is accompanied by
the Sooner Quartet, James Brill, car-
toonist, Mrs. Madden, contralto, and
Prof. Hinshaw, reader.

The concert this evening is to be
given under the auspices of the Mac-
dowell club, part of the proceeds to
go to the club's piano and part to be
used in the purchase of a victrola for
the local high school.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IS OBSERVED IN IOWA

By United Press.

Des Moines, Ia., April 24.—Governor
Geo. W. Clarke, at the request of the
Federated Women's clubs of Iowa, de-
clared the week beginning today as
"Clean-up Week" in Iowa.

Sixteen thousand women are behind
the movement, inspired by devotion to
the public welfare.

The governor says "they are anx-
ious to establish higher ideals, better
civil standards, better sanitary con-
ditions; to minimize danger from
fires, to make homes of the state and
their surroundings more inviting and
beautiful."

The people of the state are co-oper-
ating with the women in the "clean-
up" movement and mayors of cities,
newspapers and public officials gener-
ally are aiding.

"SANTA CLAUS GIRL" BECOMES BRIDE TODAY

By United Press.

Philadelphia, April 24.—Miss Olive
May Wilson, the "Santa Claus Girl,"
was married here this afternoon in
Cavalry Protestant Episcopal church
to Birchall Hammer, son of a wealthy
lumber dealer and a former Univer-
sity of Pennsylvania athlete.

Miss Wilson earned her title of
"Santa Claus Girl." Through her ef-
forts thousands of children all over
the country were made happy every
Christmas. Her gifts were received
by poor children as far south as Mex-
ico and west as far as the Pacific
coast.

Hammer, the bridegroom, has been a
Santa Claus helper for two years.
During that period he worked at Miss
Wilson's side at Christmas time, wrap-
ping parcels and packing them for
children who would have had a cheer-
less Christmas had it not been for the
Santa Claus Girl.

ANSWER OF GERMANY OUTLINED?

Ambassador Gerard Reported to Have
Sent Dispatch to Washington Indic-
ating Nature of Decision Reached
by Berlin Officials

SOME SIGNS BREACH WILL BE PREVENTED

Peaceful Tone of Press and Wavering
Sentiments of Some Hitherto Oppos-
ing Concessions to U. S. Re-
garded as Significant

By United Press.

Washington, April 24.—German offi-
cials do not want a break with the
United States, according to official
information, revealing also that Berlin
officials are in a quandary as to how
to meet both the demands of America
and German popular sentiment which
demands the continuance of subma-
rine operations.

The authorities here believe Germa-
ny will find a way to meet the United
States demands. The German authori-
ties promised to reply to the Ameri-
can note as early as possible.

By United Press.

Berlin, April 24.—The German reply
to the last American note regarding
submarine operations is reported to
have been outlined in a dispatch
which Ambassador Gerard sent to
President Wilson, following a confer-
ence with Secretary von Stumm of the
foreign office and Doctor Heckscher of
the reichstag foreign relations com-
mittee.

No intimation as to the text of the
reply are given but officials here gen-
erally are hopeful that there will be
no breach in the relations between
Germany and the United States gov-
ernment.

Silence is also maintained regard-
ing the conference of Chancellor Beth-
mann von Hollweg with the kaiser but
they evidently reached a decision as
to the course that Germany will fol-
low. The conference was also attend-
ed by Chief of Staff Falkenhayn.

The peaceful sentiment of the press
and the fact that many Germans for-
merly favoring an unyielding policy,
now counsel concessions are taken to
indicate that a way will be found for
compliance with the demands made
in President Wilson's note, without
loss of honor.

Ambassador Gerard held a confer-
ence with Chancellor von Hollweg this
morning but neither had anything to
give out concerning what was said.

There is unquestionably a consider-
able peace party in Germany which in-
cludes powerful financial interests
represented by the Bourse organs and
the Frankfurter Zeitung and including
also the Berlin Tageblatt and social-
ist organs. Certain high officials also
would consent to a breach or war with
the United States only most reluctan-
tly and under pressure of what seems
to them an unavoidable situation. It
may not be without significance that
Maximilian Harden was permitted to
print a remarkable article in his pa-
per, Zukunft, defending President Wil-
son's standpoint in plain words.

With the possible exception of a
handful of extremists there appears
to be nobody in Germany desirous of
a breach or war with the United
States. It is evident beyond doubt,
however, that if the government
should reject the demands of the
American note it would find the uni-
ted support of Germans of all parties.

Even those to whom the idea of a
rupture between Germany and the
United States is most distasteful agree
in feeling that the government must
refuse to weaken its means of warring
against Great Britain even though
this should mean a breach with the
United States.

A faint note of optimism is sounded
by the Vorwaerts, the organ of the so-
cial democratic party, but other papers
speak openly of an unavoidable
breach. A striking feature in connec-
tion with the whole matter is the fact
that the press almost unanimously
speaks of "Wilson's note" and only in
exceptional cases as the "American
note." Most papers disregard reports
showing that congress is supporting

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